

Pickett's Charge

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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

I have heard the comment from several individuals that the MTC no longer has any Police. This is not true. We still have 2 DA Civilian officers and have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Virginia State Police to provide support. You should pay attention to the signs at the two gates that say the installation is patrolled by the Virginia State Police. They WILL write you a ticket! Slow it down. Safety is paramount in all we do. Next week, we are looking forward to our Canadian friends to arrive for a truly joint exercise – Southbound Trooper. You will see lots of soldiers and aviators at Pickett for this great exercise. Finally, I would like to welcome our new Command Sergeant Major, Michael “Doc” McGhee. He is on board with us full-time now and I look forward to his fresh perspective and support to our soldiers and post. He is coming to us from the 116th BSTB in Fredericksburg. Welcome aboard CSM McGhee. Again, I encourage Commanders to come see me in Building 472 if you are experiencing difficulties or issues that you cannot resolve. In any event, even a visit, my door is always open. Watch your speed on post and let's have a safe start to the new year.

COL Wilkinson

CSM:

Composite Risk Management:

Remember that when training on Fort Pickett, or any other installation, FM 100-14 Risk Management dated 23 APR 98 **has been replaced by FM 5-19 Composite Risk Management dated AUG 2006.** As per the new FM, the risk assessment form contained in the old regulation, as well as any locally produced risk assessment forms, are no longer

authorized for use and the new DA Form 7566 Composite Risk Management Worksheet dated April 2005 must be utilized.

Other Important Pickett safety information:

-Reflective Gear, either vest or belt, is required for All Sports Activities on roads during hours of limited visibility. Road guards are required for formations. Respect unit formation off limits areas, primarily Military Rd and Garnett Ave.

-Bicycle helmets, vests or belts are required for bicycling on post.

-No cell phone use while driving unless using a hands free device.

-Use of head/earphones is Prohibited while walking, jogging, skating, bicycling, or driving on Pickett roads.

-Run, walk, jog Against traffic on roads, bicycle and skate With traffic on roads.

NCO Responsibility

NCO(s) are responsible to take care of individual soldiers needs including retention and recruiting. Encourage all soldiers to recruit; use GRAP to solicit leads at:

www.guardrecruitingassistant.com



Safety

The new fiscal year continues to bring many changes to the military and the world in which we live. Reorganization means new leadership and soldiers in unfamiliar military occupational skills, equipment and places. The leadership must make safety "number one" as your training

year starts with new objectives and goals. The Maneuver Training Center at Fort Pickett encourages you to: "Think SAFETY" all the time. Buckle up and drive defensively! Make "ON-THE- SPOT- CORRECTIONS." Do not wait until the AAR.

CSM McGhee

DOL:

Always refer to the Fort Pickett website and use the most current site request form.

Reminder The DOL does not operate a TMP.

Based on current training request for TY 09 we are filling up quickly. If you plan to train at Fort Pickett during the current TY and have not submitted a request for facilities please do so as soon as possible as we are at 100% capacity during some periods and may not be able to support your request. Also we are receiving numerous requests for TY 10 and are close to maximum capacity during some periods already. If you know your training dates for TY 10 and have not submitted a request I recommend that you do so soon.

Ammunition REMINDER!! All ammo draws and turn-ins require an appointment. Any changes or additions to your scheduled appointments require 24 hour notice. Units should obtain a copy of Fort Pickett's external SOP for ammunition by contacting the ASP. The next scheduled dates for the Ammunition Handlers/Drivers Course are 7-8 Mar 09 (Full), 16-17 May 09 and 10-11 Sep 09. Register for the Ammunition Course by calling SFC Arnold at (434) 292-2468 or Mr. Sam Sanders at (434) 292-8532.

Troop Support Branch Facilities are issued and returned at building 311 along with linen support. **All organizations must schedule an**

appointment for issue and turn-in of facilities and all facilities will be cleaned prior to turn-in.

Reminder, units are responsible for providing cleaning supplies required for maintaining our facilities at the established level of cleanliness. The Central Vehicle Wash Rack will be closed for the winter effective 7 November 2008 and will reopen in the spring of 2009. For every commodity you get from DOL such as linen, barracks or dining facilities you will need a signature card and assumption of command orders. A qualified Food Service Soldier is required to draw and turn-in Dining Facilities. Linen draw is a morale booster and units are encouraged to use it for their soldiers comfort. Clearance procedures are clearly specified in *ARNG-MTC SOP 700, Procedures for Checking In and Out*. The SOP is available on the Ft. Pickett Website. Units on AT status are required to cut the grass within 20 feet of all facilities. Mr. Oliver at 434-292-2314 in building 311 is the POC for lawn care equipment.

Customer Service The Customer Service Section is located in building 309. They are responsible for billing, scheduling of facilities, chemical toilets and communication requirements.

Communications The DOL will assist units in the coordination of telephone and computer net access requirements with the DOIM representatives. Internet access (not RCAS) is available for a fee. *You must contact the Customer Service Section at least two weeks in advance of your arrival to schedule service.* If you want RCAS connectivity you must state that on your request, otherwise you will have just net access. Mobile Satellite internet access is also available from a vendor on a fee for service basis.

Chemical Toilet Support Units are required to give a 72 hour notice for chemical toilets or to have them serviced. This includes ordering, placing, moving, or cleaning. All these actions must go through the DOL to the vendor. *Units are required to coordinate with Customer Service in building 309 prior to the main body arriving, no less than 72 hours prior to your requirement.* At

the end of the training period the person on the signature card will sign the bill stating that all services were received. The DOL will forward the invoice to the resource manager and ultimately to the unit for payment. All questions about building assignments, communications or chemical toilets should be directed to SSG Easter at (434) 292-2301, Mr. Walker at (434) 292-2484 or SFC Earp at (434) 292-2948.

Fuel Operations Fuel keys are issued (Bldg 142) by SGT Rodriguez or SPC Rodriguez at (434) 292-8509. For bulk fuel issues (units/individuals) drawing 200 gallons or more), an appointment is required and will be scheduled for pickup between 0730-1500 hours. The POC is SGT Price at (434) 292-8329 or SGT White at (434) 292-8547.

Chapel The Chapel (Bldg. 2601) is located next to the Post Theater and is available for religious services. Keys for the Chapel are issued (Bldg 309) from Customer Service.

MAJ Potter

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DPW:

Roads & Grounds Please watch for slippery spots on roads during the winter season. Roads & Grounds does not have the manpower to check and place salt on every sidewalk, or at building entrances; if salt is needed for sidewalks, etc. call the work order desk at Ext 2250.

Buildings & Structures Continuing with renovations to Admin Bldg 2410 as well as routine PM and service orders.

Utilities Please check for leaking faucets and ensure windows & doors are secured tightly. Turn lights off when not in use. Turn thermostats back after hours in support of energy conservation.

Forestry Currently executing FY09 burn plan. At present, there is a logging contractor working in maneuver area 52. Firewood permits are available from Bldg 321. Please note: NO firewood cutting is allowed without a permit.

Recycle Please remember to keep all the bubble wrap and styro-foam out of your cardboard. Clean cardboard is the business we're in, "keep it clean and watch us grin".

Fish & Wildlife At present, Ft Pickett has small game hunting season still going on. In addition, we have a special permit to allow the harvest of antlerless deer in the "bow hunting ONLY area". We have reduced our operating hours to 1000 hrs to 1800 hrs Tuesday - Saturday. 2009 fishing permits are on sale now at Bevels Ace Hardware or at the game check station.

ATTENTION

DPW Work Order Desk requires a Delegation of Authority (DA Form 1687) to be on file from each training unit and Director on Fort Pickett. The persons authorized on the 1687 will be the only ones who can request services or submit work orders to the DPW Work Order Desk. This is to eliminate duplication of work orders, ensure the problem is corrected as soon as possible, and also makes Directors on Fort Pickett aware of work that is being requested from their areas of responsibility.

For all training units planning to conduct training at Fort Pickett, review the Fort Pickett Regulation 350-1. It covers all issues regarding the use of facilities on post.

For the units staying in the billeting area, please obey the parking signs. Please park in designated areas only. No parking between buildings or on grassy areas, per the Fire Marshall.

Reminder The Work Order Desk phone number is x2250.

LTC Bragg

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DPCA:

Fitness Center Lockers are available for a small fee. See Mr. Randy Edmonds to be placed on the list. The Fitness Center is open Mon-Fri 0700-2100 hours and Sat-Sun 1300-2100 hours. **Please no boots or street shoes except on matted areas.**

Post Theatre

Showtimes: Sun-Thurs at 7PM. Fri-Sat at 7PM and 9PM. Closed on Mondays.

Post Exchange (PX)

Winter Hours are in Effect: The PX is open Mon-Sat 1000-1900 and will be closed on Sunday.

Military / Civilian ID Cards

Customer Service hours are Mon. between 1000-1400 hours and Tue-Fri. between 0800-1700. Scheduled Saturdays are available by appointment. Personnel must verify that the information about themselves and their family members is current and accurate in the DEERS database. The ID card section can be reached at (434) 292-2327.

Chaplain: The Chapel (Bldg. 2601) is located next to the Post Theater. All unit chaplains are encouraged to use the facility during training. Additional chaplain support can be requested to MAJ J. D. Moore at (434) 298-6106.

Attention: Please alert DPCA and Command Headquarters should any General Officers arrive to visit Fort Pickett as common courtesy in advance. Flags are available at Post Headquarters, Bldg 472. Phone: (434) 292-2022.

MAJ Bridger

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DPTS:

Unit Training Updates

Range Operations is currently open and operational 24 hours a day 7 days a week with some limited exceptions based on training load. Range Operations would like to remind units that the Range Safety Briefing, required in order to be an OIC or Safety Officer on a range or in the maneuver training areas, is conducted on a walk in basis at 1000 and 1400 hours daily Monday through Friday, and is also available at other times with prior coordination with Range Operations at (434) 292-8334/2227.

The Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) (Bldg 1692) is currently closed. The TMC, when operational, is primarily for use by Guard and Reserve soldiers for sick call and minor injuries.

Daily Training Coordination Meeting

Units training on post within 48 hours are required to have a representative attend the Daily Coordination Meeting that is held Mon-Fri at 0830 hours at Range Operations (Bldg 3001). Units must attend this meeting 48 hours prior to their scheduled training event or make coordination with the

Scheduling Office to be absent but with a confirmed schedule. Units must also "lock-in" operator times for automated ranges at this time. **Failure to comply with these standards will result in cancellation of the facility for the unit.** POC for this is the DPTS Range Manager CPT Gravely at (434) 292-2697 or DPTS Operations Sergeant MSG Horton at (434) 292-2676.

Fort Pickett Website:

Ft. Pickett's official web site is www.fortpickett.net. All of FT Pickett's regulations, contact information, Request for Training Support form, and Map Order form, can be found on this web site. E-mail address for submitting a Request for Training Support form is rangepickett@fortpickett.net

MAP Products:

Current standard 1:50,000 scale military maps of Fort Pickett, and other Pickett and SMR map products, are available from the DPTS GIS Mapping office located in the DPTS/Range Operations building, BLDG 3001. The Map Order Form is available at www.fortpickett.net. Questions regarding normal services offered by the mapping office can be directed to Ms. Labrie at (434) 292-2584 or the DPTS Operations Officer at (434) 292-8390.

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Camp Pendleton State Military Reservation (SMR) Virginia Beach:

SMR is the perfect location to conduct numerous training events to include TOC EX(s), EST 2000, Distance Learning, planning meetings, or to just get away and spend the weekend in Virginia Beach without having to pay Virginia Beach prices for lodging. We have very reasonable rates for cottages, trailers, and individual rooms, private beach access within an easy walk or bike ride, fresh water lake and salt water surf fishing, and a quiet family friendly environment which is hard to find at the beach these days. Make us your destination for training, or recreation. POC for training is SMR Operations at

(757) 493-3122 or 3121, and lodging is at (757) 493-3127.

CPT Austin

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Post Hours/Information

PX (AAFES) – Bldg. 2204, (24-hr ATM) (Mon.-Sat. 1000-1900) (Closed Sun)

Post Theater – Bldg. 2480 Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs at 7PM Fri and Sat at 7PM and 9PM. Closed on Mondays.

Fitness Center – Bldg. 1613, (Mon.-Fri) 0700-2100, except holidays (Sat-Sun) 1300-2100 (Military & Ft. Pickett employees FREE)

Barber Shop – Bldg. 2204, (Wed-Thurs 1000–1700, Cost \$9.10) Leisure Center – Bldg. 2403

Fort Pickett Phone Numbers:

MTC Cdr 292-2722

MTC CSM 292-2560

DPCA 292-2022

DPT 292-8605

DOL 292-8403

DPW 292-8303, 2144, 2664

Billeting 292-2443

Telephone Repair 298-6138 or 292-2020

Ft. Pickett Police Dept 292-8444

Post Locator 292-8621

Range Officer 292-2105

SMR Phone Numbers:

SMR Receptionist 757-493-3122

SMR Billeting 757-493-3125, 26, 27

SMR Operations 757-493-3121

Submissions/suggestions for the "Pickett's Charge" can be sent to MAJ Bridger at randy.bridger@us.army.mil